

**Town Meeting Coordinating Committee Meeting
Minutes from March 13, 2009**

1. **Call to Order:** This meeting began at 4:40pm. Present at the beginning of the meeting were: Judy Simpson, Nonny Burack, Harry Brooks, and Mary Streeter. Carol Gray arrived at 4:50. Also present was Aaron Hayden, TMCC's Select Board liaison. Absent: Dorwenda Bynum-Lewis and Peggy Roberts.
2. **Minutes of February 27:** Judy moved and Nonny seconded that we approve the minutes of February 27 after edits. The vote was unanimous (Nonny, Judy, Harry and Mary) to adopt the minutes. Judy moved and Nonny seconded that we approve the March 6 minutes after edits. The vote was unanimous to approve these minutes (Nonny, Judy, Harry, Mary and Carol voting.)
3. **Suggestions by TMCC to Select Board:** Aaron reported on the brief discussion that the Select Board had regarding TMCC's request to be heard on the issues of having budget articles presented in a random order determined by a lottery. TMCC members explained the reasons for the requests made to the Select Board and discussed their understanding of the Town Meeting rules concerning which body determines order of budget items. Carol moved and Judy seconded that we have two TMCC members go to the Select Board hearing to explain the reasoning for the requests in the letter we sent and to communicate our concerns about timing. After further discussion, Carol withdrew the motion.
4. **Warrant Review:** Harry reported that Otto Stein said he was willing to work on the Warrant Review. Harry also reported that the definite zoning articles are the taxi service and the municipal parking district, as well as articles on frontage and Main Street, Dickinson, High Street rezoning.
5. **Information Forum:** The topic for the forum is "**How to Fund Human Services?**" This is scheduled for **April 14, 7-9:30pm, ACTV**. Carol reported that she had left messages with additional speakers. Roy Rosenblatt and Paulette Brooks (as moderator) are confirmed.
6. **Bus Tour:** To be discussed later.
7. **Precinct Meetings:** Mary provided a schedule of precinct meetings. Harry volunteered to bring the precinct meeting schedule to the *Amherst Bulletin*. Someone suggested we do a flyer for the packet with all the other events as well.
8. **Packets for Town Meeting:** The first packet will be sent out to Town Meeting members on April 15. The second packet will be sent out on April 23.
9. **Reminder Stickers for Packet Envelopes:** This will be discussed next time.
10. **Town Meeting Display:** To be discussed next time.
11. **TMCC's webpage on the town website:** To be discussed next time.
12. **Miscellaneous:** Carol said she got a message from Terry Forrest recommending that TMCC have a disability liaison for Town Meeting. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
13. **Setting upcoming meetings:** It was decided that our meetings in April will be April 5 (Sunday) at 4pm at the Police Station (assuming there is a room available). The rest of the weeks in April will be Fridays at 4:30pm at the Bangs Center. (On Good Friday, if the Bangs Center is closed, then we will try to meet at the Police Station.) The meeting scheduled for March 20 is cancelled since it was unlikely that there would be a quorum. We will also meet on May 1, Friday at 4:30pm at the Bangs Center.
14. **Adjournment:** Carol moved and Mary seconded that we adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 6:20pm.

Documents Distributed at the meeting:

1. Agenda for today's meeting.
2. Minutes from March 13 and March 6.
3. May 4, 2009 Town Meeting List of Articles.
4. Schedule of precinct meetings.

Carol Gray, Secretary

